

THE POSTAL SERVICE.

It is Reported in a Satisfactory Condition in the Philippines.

A System of Inspection, Has Been Inaugurated in the Archipelago That Meets All the Requirements.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Special Agent J. W. Erwin, of the post office department, who has just returned from an investigation of the postal service in the Philippines, has reported to the postmaster general that the affairs of the department of posts there are in a most satisfactory condition, particularly as regards finances. The report says that Director General Vail personally receives all stamped papers sent to the department of posts, and counts it in the presence of two witnesses. In addition to the regular ledger accounts kept by the cashier, Mr. Vail keeps a private account of the receipts and issues of stamped papers. This is a perfect check on the cashier's account and enables him at any moment to know for himself the condition of his postal accounts.

No one has access to the principal stock of stamped papers but the director general. Mr. Erwin says the system of accounts kept by the cashier is entirely satisfactory, the books being well kept and posted daily. The director general exercises a careful personal supervision of the accounts of all the offices and stations throughout the archipelago and has inaugurated a system of inspection to meet all requirements. What impressed the inspector the most, he says, was the simplicity of the methods adopted and the conservative character of the supervision.

It has not been deemed necessary to organize numerous bureaus and the work of the department has been arranged so as to secure the best results with the least expenditure of money. There were 305 natives, Filipinos and Spanish, on the payroll of the postal and telegraph service in Manila at the time of the military occupation. The entire service in the archipelago now employs only 58 Americans and 55 natives, exclusive of the soldiers detailed at military stations, where the work is wholly performed by the military forces. The services of the natives are reported satisfactory.

The inspector reports that the salary allowances are moderate, not greater than would be paid in the United States, although the cost of living is greater in the Philippines. He says there is nothing to attract people after the novelty wears off, and better allowances may have to be made. The postal service in the Philippines is absolutely dependent for transportation of mails on the military service and the report says that higher military officers favor active co-operation along this line, this is not secured sufficiently to insure good service. The report says under present conditions it is not advisable to increase the number of post offices, there being now of post offices and 21 stations.

COLOSSAL TELESCOPE.

Prof. Pickering Begins the Erection of an Observatory at Woodlawn, Jamaica.

Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 13.—Prof. Pickering, of Harvard university, has begun the erection of an observatory at Woodlawn, near Mandeville, for his colossal telescope.

He hopes to take observations of the planet Eros early in December, and will, subsequently, undertake observations of the moon and Mars. Important results are expected.

Polk's Home Sold.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 13.—The land on which stands the old home of James K. Polk, and in which he died, has been sold to J. W. Gates, of Chicago, and J. Craig McLanahan, of this city, for \$30,000. The old house is being torn down, and its place will be taken by an apartment house costing \$100,000, to be named in honor of the former president.

Troops Recalled From Porto Rico.

Washington, Nov. 13.—An important order putting Porto Rico on a peace basis, and involving the recall of 1,000 American troops and the discontinuance of the classification of that island as a separate military department, was issued by the war department Monday. Hereafter Porto Rico will be attached to the department of the east, headquarters of which are in New York city.

Will Accept the Challenge.

Chicago, Nov. 13.—Chicago yachtsmen will accept challenges for the Canada cup issued by the Royal Canadian Yacht club of Toronto. According to President Tiorne, of the Chicago Yacht club, a syndicate will be formed just as soon as the official challenge arrives, for the purpose of getting a cup defender ready for the race next summer.

Death of Marcus Daly.

New York, Nov. 13.—Marcus Daly, the copper king, died Monday. He had been ill for many weeks at the Hotel Netherlands of Bright's disease. Several times recently the end seemed near, but Mr. Daly showed wonderful vitality and rallied.

Capt. Murray Is Dead.

Kingston, N. Y., Nov. 13.—Capt. Lawrence M. Murray, who commanded the famous confederate cruiser Nashville, before her capture by the confederate government is dead at his home in Malden.

TO WATCH THE COUNT.

Both Parties in Kentucky Preparing for the Congressional Contests—Taylor's and Finley's Cases.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 14.—The state election board will meet December 3 to canvass the returns and officially declare the result of the election in this state. While the republican party authorities have formally conceded the election of Beckham as governor and have announced that there will be no contest, both republicans and democrats will be represented by counsel at the canvass of the vote. And every phase of the election will be closely watched by both sides as matter may arise in the board which will have a bearing on the prospect of contests for congress in the two districts—the Third and Ninth, where the vote was very close.

Gov. Beckham will be inaugurated December 11. It is said one of the first official papers Gov.-elect Durbin, of Indiana, will have to consider when he takes office, will be a requisition from Gov. Beckham for the return of former Gov. Taylor and ex-Secretary of State Finley to this state for trial. Leading republicans claim to have assurances from Indiana republican leaders that Mr. Durbin will follow the precedent set by Gov. Mount in these cases and will refuse to honor the requisition.

THE CABINET.

President McKinley Announced That He Desires the Present Members to Remain With Him.

Washington, Nov. 14.—President McKinley Tuesday announced clearly and forcefully to the members of his cabinet his desire that they should all remain with him during the four years of his coming administration. His wishes were made known in an extended speech at the cabinet meeting in the white house Tuesday. Responses were made by all of the members present, and, while there were no definite pledges from any of them that they would accept the portfolios thus tendered afresh, there was, on the other hand, no definite declination.

Tuesday's proceedings set forth the wishes of the president in the matter and relieves the members of the cabinet of the customary obligation of tendering their resignations at the end of the term unless they have made an irrevocable decision that it will be impossible for them to continue in office. It also sets at rest speculation and slate-making for the country's political prophets, for it is understood generally that there is but one doubtful factor in the homogeneity of the present cabinet. That factor is Attorney General Griggs, as he holds his present position at a great financial sacrifice. Still, Mr. Griggs replied in terms of warm appreciation to the complimentary remarks of the president.

DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

A Large Increase in Total Receipts of Undelivered Mail Matter Over the Previous Year.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The annual report of the superintendent of the dead letter office shows the large increase of total receipts of undelivered mail matter over the previous year of nearly 10 per cent. The number of pieces of matter received from all sources were 7,536,158, against 6,855,983 for the preceding year.

Letters and parcels held for postage numbered 144,519, and the misdirected 422,793. Nearly 35,000 letters were received which bore no addresses whatever. The letters addressed to the guests of hotels and undelivered numbered 269,624.

The total number of unclaimed parcels of all descriptions was 180,914. There were 660,461 pieces of mail matter addressed to foreign countries and returned from there as undelivered. The number of letters and parcels opened was 6,676,003, an increase over the preceding year of 9 1/2 per cent.

There were 50,553 letters containing an aggregate of \$44,140, and letters containing drafts, notes, money orders, etc., of the face value of \$1,136,545. Foreign letters and parcels found undeliverable and returned to countries of origin numbered 606,412.

SOUTHWEST AFRICA.

Permission Given to 15,000 Transvaal Boers to Trek Through German Territory.

Berlin, Nov. 14.—The government has officially informed the colonial council that it will gladly grant permission to 15,000 Transvaal Boers to trek through the Kalahari desert to territory in German Southwest Africa.

Arrangements are therefore being made to welcome the vanquished Boers as a new and valuable element for the colony. The Lokal Anzeiger points out that Bismarck in 1893 spoke encouragingly of Boers as an acquisition for that part of Germany's colonial empire.

Secretary Root in Havana.

Havana, Nov. 14.—Elihu Root, United States secretary of war, arrived here Tuesday evening on the Ward liner Morro Castle, which left New York Saturday afternoon. The steamer made the passage in three days and four hours.

On a Vacation.

Paris, Nov. 14.—United States ambassador to France, Gen. Horace Porter, left Paris Tuesday morning on a vacation. He will be absent about seven weeks and will spend the time mostly in the southern part of Spain.

ENGLISH COMMENTS.

Agitated Concerning Stability of the Concert of Powers in China.

It Is Thought That China Will Accede to All the Terms of the Conjoint Note Except the Execution of Princes.

London, Nov. 13.—Dr. Morrison, writing to the Times from Peking Sunday, says:

"Pressed by the common desire for a speedy termination of present conditions the foreign envoys have finally agreed to the following terms, to be presented in a conjoint note which, subject to the approval of the governments, will be pressed upon China as the basis of a preliminary treaty:

"China shall erect a monument to Baron Von Ketteler on the site where he was murdered and send an imperial prince to Germany to convey an apology.

"She shall inflict the death penalty upon 11 princes and officials already named and suspend provincial examinations for five years where the outrages occurred. In future all officials failing to prevent anti-foreign outrages within their jurisdiction shall be dismissed and punished. (This is a modification of Mr. Conger's proposal).

"Indemnity shall be paid to the states, corporations and individuals.

"The Tsung Li Yamen shall be abolished and its functions vested in a foreign minister. Rational intercourse shall be permitted with the emperor, as in civilized countries. The forts at Taku and the other forts on the coast of Chi Li shall be razed and the importation of arms and war material prohibited. Permanent legation guards shall be maintained and also guards of communication between Peking and the sea.

"Imperial proclamations shall be posted for two years throughout the empire suppressing Boxers.

"The indemnity is to include compensation for Chinese who suffered through being employed by foreigners, but not compensation for native Christians. The words missionary and Christians do not occur in the note.

London, Nov. 14.—The London morning papers are again agitated concerning the stability of the concert of the powers in China. The attitudes of Germany and the United States meet with disapproval, the former because Count Von Waldersee has sent a column to destroy the Ming Tombs, an act which is regarded as needlessly vindictive and the latter because it threatens to break up the concert.

The Daily Chronicle comments strongly upon the American attitude as "feeble compromise which it is impossible to accept."

The Morning Post says: "It would be unreasonable for the United States to break up the concert because they do not desire indemnity. The powers would probably be willing to consider America's objections. If, however, the United States have in view some new combination of powers it would be necessary for Great Britain and Germany to agree upon a common policy to be pursued in the absence of a general agreement."

The Standard, which dismisses the subject with a mere reference, says: "American opinion on the Chinese problem is too uncertain to be considered seriously."

Dr. Morrison, writing to the Times on Sunday, expresses the opinion that China "will readily accede to all the terms of the conjoint note, except the execution of the princes and officials, which it will be impossible to fulfill while the court is in the hands of these very officials."

"Considerable curiosity is felt at Tien-Tsin," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Times, "as to the whereabouts of the Japanese forces, which, though not leaving the country, are disappearing from Peking and Tien-Tsin, it is not known whither."

Referring editorially to the present stage of the negotiations, the Times says: "The United States accepted the German note demanding the punishment of Prince Tuan and the other guilty officials, and it will not be harder to secure the punishment of 11 officials than of the three whose names were originally indicated by the state department. Therefore, it is difficult to see how America could justify in her own eyes a refusal to join with the other powers in steps necessary to secure this result."

Died While Talking to a Friend.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 14.—James Meldrum, of this city a veteran passenger engineer on the Illinois Central Railroad, died suddenly Tuesday night at Gilman, aged 55 years. He was sitting in a room, talking to a friend, when he dropped to the floor dead. He leaves a wife and a large family. Meldrum ran the first construction train out of Springfield when the Illinois Central was building.

Charged With Embezzlement.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 13.—Chas. W. Schneider, until recently auditor of the Brainerd & Northern Railway Co., has been taken into custody on a charge of embezzlement. The officers of the company refuse to state the amount of the defalcation.

The Date of Meeting Changed.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 13.—The date of the national convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks which meets here next year has been changed from the week of July 25 to that of July 23.

THE REAPPORTIONMENT.

It Is Thought the Next House Will Gain 15 Members Owing to the Increased Population.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Director of the Census Merriam was at the white house Tuesday. He called the attention of the president to the fact that the figures on the population of the United States, the total of which already has been announced, are in such shape that they will be at the disposal of congress when it meets for any action it may desire to take in the direction of a reapportionment bill. The reapportionment following the count of the 12th census will become operative by law in 1903.

There probably will be considerable increase both in the ratio and the total number of representatives under the new apportionment. Starting with a ratio of one to every 33,000 inhabitants, there were 65 representatives in the first congress. The 11th census in 1890 gave a population of 62,622,250, or an increase of 12,500,000. The ratio was 173,901 people to each representative and the house numbered 356 members. The ratio under the new census probably will reach 200,000. With an increase of 13,225,464 shown by the present census and letting majority fractions of the apportionment count for an additional member as has been the custom, this would make an increase of 18 members in the next house.

Reapportionment on this basis would cause only four states to lose representatives. They are Maine and Virginia in the east and Kansas and Nebraska in the west. These states would lose a member each. Any ratio smaller than 200,000, which would save them their full representation, would cause a considerable addition to the membership of the house.

GEORGIA LEGISLATURE.

W. J. Bryan Unanimously Elected President of the United States By That Body.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 14.—The Georgia legislature, being unable to adjourn November 6, unanimously elected Hon. W. J. Bryan "President of the United States." Mr. Bryan has acknowledged the compliment and a letter from him was read in the senate Tuesday by order of President Clark Howell. Mr. Bryan says:

"While the returns show that the decision rendered in my favor in Georgia has been overruled by the higher court, which includes the entire nation, yet I beg to express my appreciation of the confidence and good will expressed by the members of Georgia legislature.

"Yours truly,
W. J. Bryan."

THE NEGRO VOTE.

A Bill Introduced in the Georgia Legislature Similar to the North Carolina Law.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 14.—Representative Hardwick introduced a bill in the general assembly Tuesday providing for an educational and property qualification for suffrage of this state.

The bill is similar to that enacted in North Carolina. A bill similar to the one introduced Tuesday was presented at the last session of the legislature by Mr. Hardwick but failed of passage by a vote of 172 to 3.

The bill is expected to raise the issue of a constitutional convention for Georgia and is said to be presented for that purpose. If the measure should become a law it would greatly restrict the Negro vote of the state.

A HUGE CASTING.

Probably the Largest One Ever Made in the Country in the Molds at Milwaukee, Wis.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 14.—Probably the biggest casting ever made in the country was sent into the molds Tuesday at a local foundry. The casting is to be the bed plate for a blowing engine for a Pittsburgh concern and it weighs 110,000 pounds, all in one piece. In making it the workmen were required to pour 126,000 pounds of metal. The plate will be 23 feet 10 inches long, 9 feet 9 1/2 inches wide and 5 feet deep in the center. The cylinders of the engine will be two of 40 inches, one of 78 and the other of 76 inches, with a stroke of 60 inches.

Two Children Burned to Death.

Winterhaven, Fla., Nov. 14.—Two children of Mrs. Mira Gaines, who were locked in the house by their mother, were burned to death here Tuesday.

German Sausage Prohibited.

Berlin, Nov. 14.—The chamber of commerce of Brunswick has addressed a complaint to the government because Russia has prohibited the importation of German sausage.

Editorial Writer Dead.

Chicago, Nov. 14.—John W. Tindall, for 15 years an editorial writer of the Inter Ocean, died Tuesday after a short illness.

Emperor Will Visit Sweden.

Berlin, Nov. 14.—On the birthday of Dowager Empress Frederick November 21, Emperor William will visit Cromberg. From there he will go to Kiel from which point he will start for Sweden on the imperial yacht Hohenzollern.

A Water Outlet.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 14.—The Seaboard air line, it is said, has secured options on front property adjoining the Trigg ship yards for the purpose of establishing at Richmond, its northern terminal, a water outlet.

CHEAPER THAN A FUNERAL.

He Concluded to Pay the Doctor's Bill as an Economical Move.

A well-known North Dakota magistrate tells the following story, for the truth of which he vouches: At a small town in the state there were two doctors, one of whom had a great reputation for the cures he effected, and the other was not believed to be "much good." The favored doctor found his services in great request, but as payment was not always forthcoming he made a rule that a certain class of his patients should pay in advance.

One winter's night he was roused by two farmers from a hamlet ten miles away, the wife of one of whom was seriously ill. He told them to go to the other doctor, but they refused, saying they would prefer his services. "Very well," replied the doctor, "in that case my fee is ten dollars, the money to be paid now."

The men remonstrated, but the doctor was obdurate, and shut down his window. He waited, however, to hear what they would say. "Well, what will we do now?" asked the farmer whose wife was ill. And the reply that was given must have been as gratifying as it was amusing to the listening doctor. It was:

"I think you would better give it. The funeral would cost you more."

A New Fire-Extinguisher.

A scientist suggests that milk be used to extinguish the flames of burning kerosene, because "milk forms an emulsion with the oil, which makes it accomplish its object more quickly." The best medicine to quickly cure constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, biliousness or flatulency, is Hostetter's stomach remedy, and has a record of over fifty years of cures. Try it also for malaria, fever and ague, and be convinced.

He Snoored in Two Keys.

The night clerk of a leading hotel of Washington, D. C., says that last winter a southern congressman came to him and demanded that his room be changed. When asked what displeased him, he replied, angrily: "Well, that German musician in the next room and I don't get along well. Last night he tooted away on his clarinet so that I thought I never would go to sleep. After I had caught a few winks I was awakened by a pounding at my door. 'What's the matter?' I asked. 'If you please,' said the German, 'dot you would schmore of der same key. You was go from B flat to G, and it spoils der music.'"

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Testimony to Fit. "You ought to be able to tell a straight story about the affair," said the lawyer to a witness in an embezzling case. "I don't know about that," replied the witness. "It was a very crooked proceeding."—Detroit Free Press.

WOMEN MUST SLEEP.

Avoid Nervous Prostration.

If you are dangerously sick what is the first duty of your physician? He quiets the nervous system, he deadens the pain, and you sleep well.

Friends ask, "what is the cause?" and the answer comes in pitying tones, nervous prostration. It came upon you so quietly in the beginning, that you were not alarmed, and when sleep deserted you night after night until your eyes fairly burned in the darkness, then you tossed in nervous agony praying for sleep.



Mrs. A. Hartley.

You ought to have known that when you ceased to be regular in your courses, and you grew irritable without cause, that there was serious trouble somewhere.

You ought to know that indigestion, exhaustion, womb displacements, fainting, dizziness, headache, and backache send the nerves wild with affliction, and you cannot sleep.

Mrs. Hartley, of 221 W. Congress St., Chicago, Ill., whose portrait we publish, suffered all these agonies, and was entirely cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; her case should be a warning to others, and her cure carry conviction to the minds of every suffering woman of the unfailing efficiency of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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Burnham's Hasty Jellycon makes the finest dessert jellies, clear and sparkling and deliciously flavored. Prepared in a minute. It is only necessary to dissolve in hot water and set away to cool. Flavors: orange, lemon, strawberry, raspberry, peach, wild cherry and unflavored "enriched" for making wine and coffee jellies. All grocers sell it.

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With glowing health all things are possible, small annoyances fade into nothingness and real troubles are battled with successfully. Women who are blessed with perfect health are a constant joy to themselves and all around them. The beauty which health alone can make permanent is a crown which raises a woman above other women. Such beauty is always accompanied by a sweet disposition, for snappiness is a sure sign of ill-health and leaves its mark quickly on the features.

It seems to be the fashion for women to ignore health and sacrifice it to the little every-day trials, or offer it up on the altar of devotion to daily tasks. Then again the nervous organization of women is constantly attacked by woman's natural experiences, so that it is practically impossible for her to retain the beauty which nature gave her, unless she has discriminating advice and right support.

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Mrs. WM. E. Bosse, of 85 Farrington St., Flushing, L. I., says:

"In regard to myself, I have suffered for years with disease, having been troubled with great nervousness, female complaints, indigestion, and great weakness and prostration. I did not have strength to do much of anything. Knowing the great value of health and strength I consulted doctors and took many medicines, but they all failed to cure me, and I grew worse rather than better. I happened to see in the papers how much good Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy was doing in restoring to health everybody who took it, and I thought I would try a bottle. I used it and to my surprise I began to gain strength every day. I am so thankful that I tried it! It is certainly the most excellent tonic and strength giver. I recommend it very highly and wish that other people who are troubled in any way would take warning and use it."

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At all the stages of a woman's life Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, is shown to be efficient to ward off the results of nervousness, or overwork, or impure blood. From early girlhood to advanced years, this renowned medicine builds up the forces destroyed by disease, grief, or overexertion, and the effects of this great medicine are quickly felt and permanently retained. Let women guard well their health, and consult Dr. Greene freely. Nothing they can possibly do will so surely keep them strong and well, or repair the exhaustion from acute illness, nothing will work so continually to the preservation of beauty as the great health-giving Nervura. Dr. Greene's office is at 35 West 14th Street, New York City, where he may be consulted either by personal call or by letter. Women may write in perfect confidence, and get Dr. Greene's advice free.

